

### **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract section on page 18 with the following paragraph:

A method for providing status information to a device attached to an information technology infrastructure utilizing a device monitoring application resident at the device is disclosed. The device monitoring application utilizes signature data to monitor data associated with a device and selectively provides messages based on a correspondence between signature data and data associated with the device. A message signature is incorporated within the signature data. The data associated with the device is monitored by utilizing the device monitoring application so as to detect a presence of the message signature in the monitored data. A status message is provided by utilizing the device monitoring application if the presence of the message signature is detected in the monitored data. The signature data includes computer virus signatures and the message signature is not related to a computer virus.